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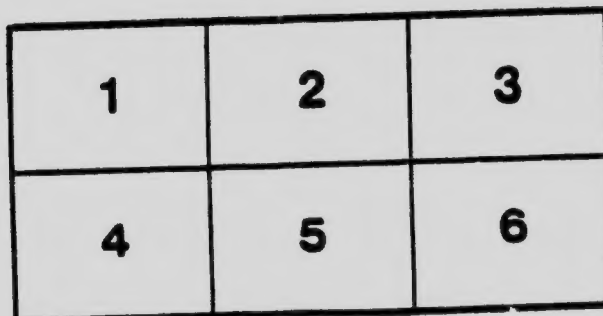
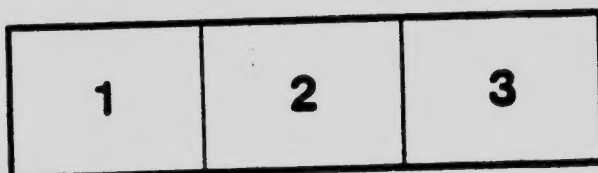
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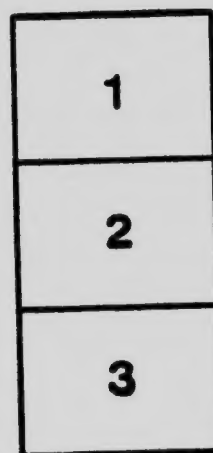
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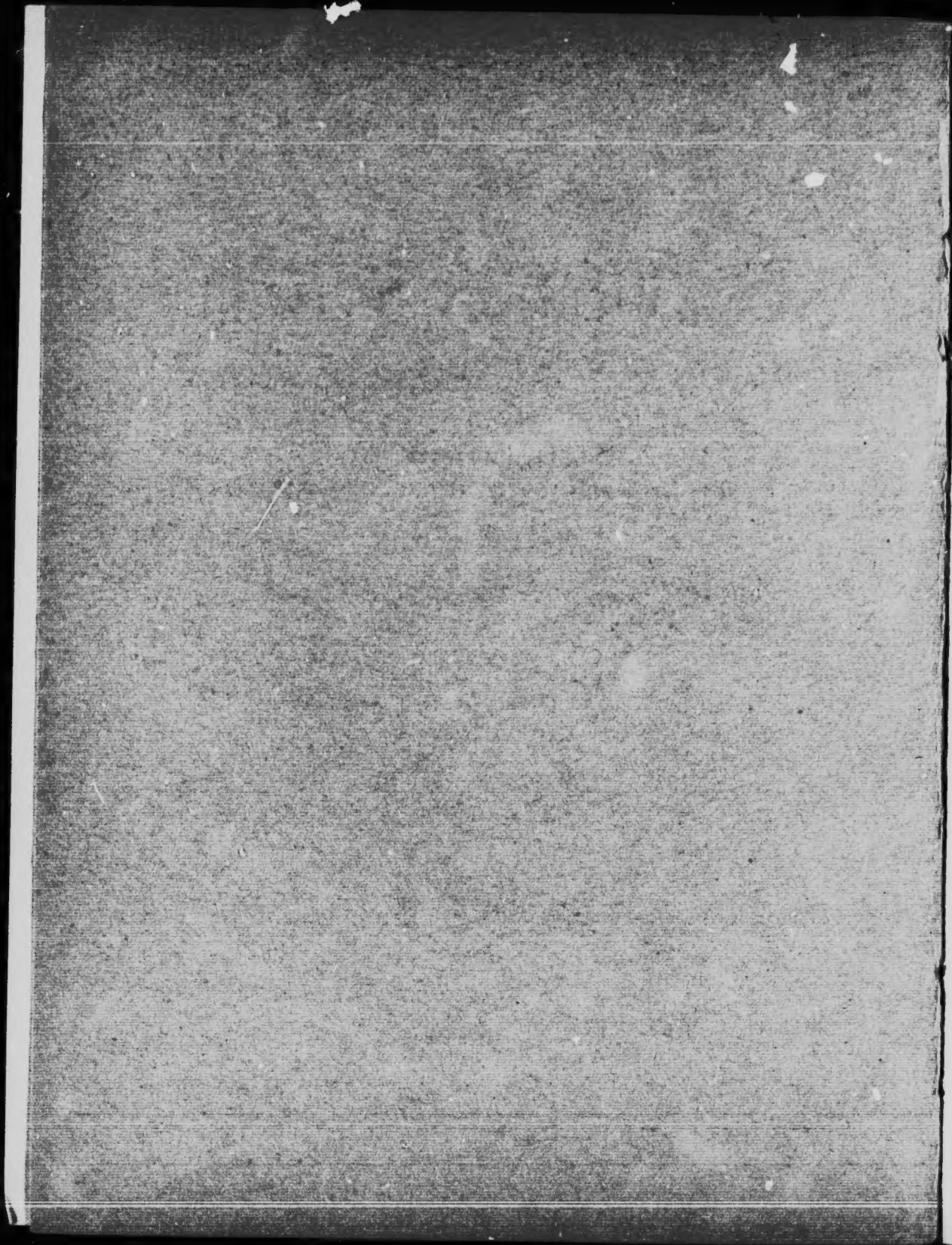
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PREFACE.

The Committee of Management of the St. George's Society of Toronto has the great pleasure in presenting the members with a copy of the Acts of Incorporation and By-laws revised and brought down to date, accompanied by a short history dealing with the origin of the Society.

In doing so, the Committee desire to express their appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. Past President W. H. Tippet, to whom they are indebted for the revision, occupying as it did so much of his time and causing a great deal of research, and they feel satisfied that a perusal of the work will furnish the most ample evidence of the care and thoroughness he bestowed upon it.

The Committee also feel that the thanks of the Society are due to Mr. Past President R. S. Hudson for the deep interest he has taken in the matter, having most generously borne the expense of the printing and publication.

JAMES NICHOLSON,

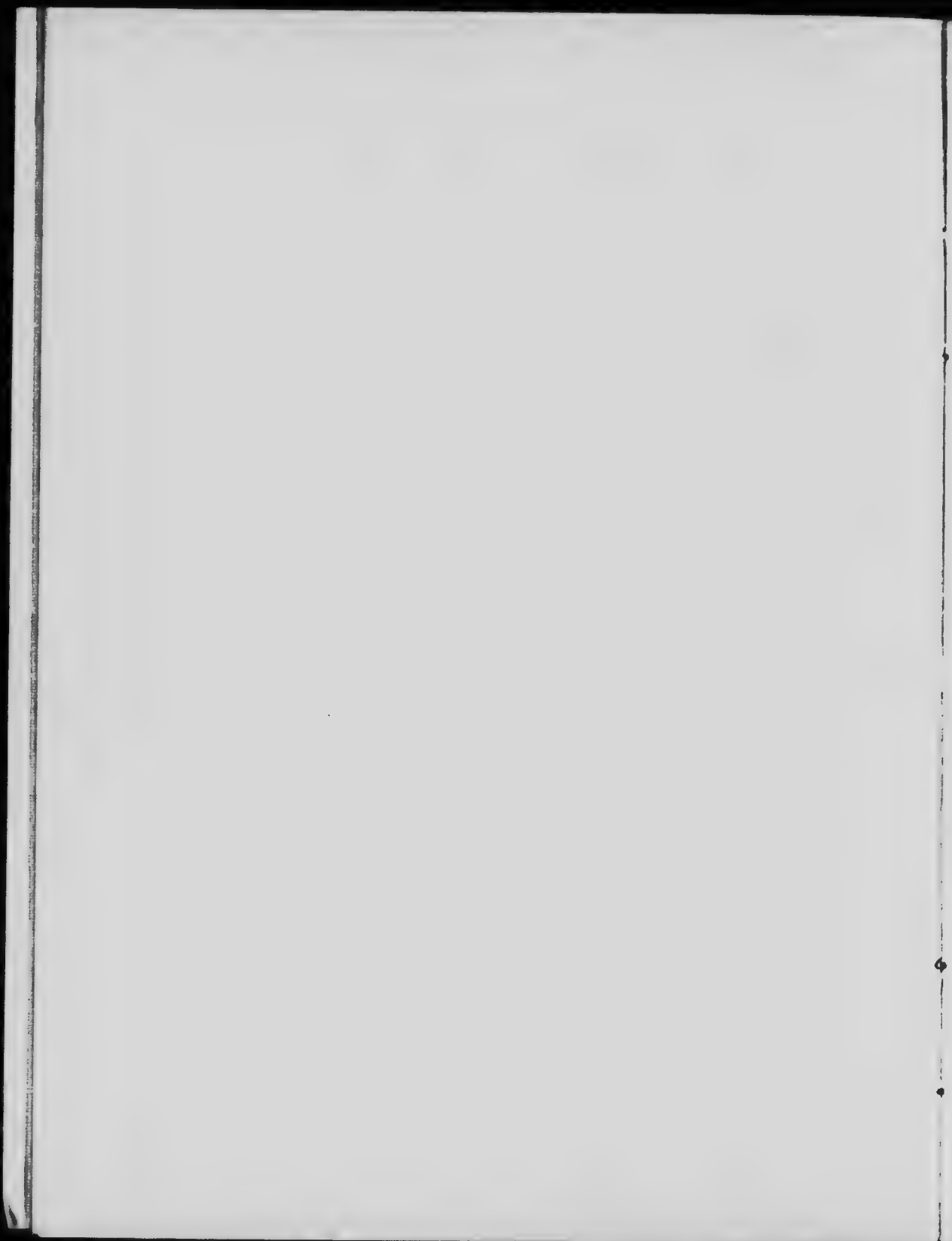
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JNO. W. GAMBLE BOYD,

Secretary.

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Toronto, 29th Sept., 1915.



St. George's Society
of Toronto

ACT OF INCORPORATION

22 VICT., CHAP. 72,

AS AMENDED BY 48 VICT. (ONT.) CHAP. 86.

and " " " 54 " (ONT.) " 110.

An Act to Incorporate the St. George's Society of Toronto.

WHEREAS. John Beverley Robinson. Thomas Brown, George S. Jones, Robert Dodgson, F. W. Coate, George T. Walton, George Bilton, George Thomas, Henry Godson, Julian Sale, Isaac Faulkner, B. Saunders, Frank John Joseph and others, have, by their petition to the Legislature, represented that the Association, of which they are members, known as the St. George's Society of Toronto, has for many years been formed for the benevolent purposes of affording pecuniary, medical and other relief to such natives of England and Wales, and their descendants, as may from sickness or other causes have fallen into distress, and have prayed that for the better attainment of the objects of the said Association, it may be invested with corporate powers, and, by reason of the good effected by the Association, it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of

the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

1. The said John Beverley Robin. ⁹¹ M.P.P., Thomas Brown, George S. Jones, Robert Dodgson, F. W. Coate, George T. Walton, George Bliton, George Thomas, Henry Godson, Julian Sale, Isaac Faulkner, B. Saunders, Frank John Joseph, and such other persons as are now members of the said Association, or shall hereafter become members thereof, under the provisions of this Act, and the By-laws made under the authority thereof, and their successors, shall be and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of *The St. George's Society of Toronto*, and may by that name sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, defend and be defended, in all Courts of Law and places whatsoever, and by that name they and their successors shall have perpetual succession, and may have a common seal, and may break, change, alter or renew the same at pleasure, and shall have power to purchase, take, receive, hold and enjoy such real estate as may be required for the actual occupation of the said Corporation, and to alienate, sell, convey, lease, or otherwise dispose of the same, or any part thereof, from time to time, and as occasion may require, and to acquire other instead thereof; Provided always, that the said Corporation may acquire any other real estate, or any interest therein by gift, devise or bequest, if made at least six months before the death of the party making the same, and the Corporation may hold such estate for a period for not more than three years, and the same or any part or portion thereof or interest therein which may not, within the said period, have been alienated and disposed of, shall revert to the party from whom the same was acquired, his heirs or other representatives; and provided also that the proceeds

of such property as shall have been disposed of during the said period, and the other available funds, shall be invested for the use of the said Corporation in Dominion, Provincial or Municipal Securities, in mortgages of real estate in this Province, or in the debentures of loan companies incorporated under chapter 164 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, or any Act incorporated therewith, with power to change the same from time to time, and to deposit its moneys with such companies and chartered banks, and to hold deposit receipts therefor; but nothing herein contained shall affect the securities held by the said Corporation at the passing thereof, or the re-investment of the same in similar securities.

2. The affairs and business of the said Corporation shall be managed by a Committee of Management, consisting of a President, a first, second and third Vice-Presidents, a Secretary or Secretaries, a Treasurer, two Chaplains, three Physicians, and seven other Members, to be elected annually at a General Meeting of the members of the Corporation held in conformity to the By-laws thereof, and any five members of the said Committee shall be a quorum for the dispatch of business; provided also that the said Corporation may, in like manner, elect other officers at such meeting, and may fill vacancies that may arise in any office from time to time as shall be provided for in the said By-laws.

3. All deeds, sealed with the Common Seal of the Corporation, and signed by the President or Vice-Presidents and by some other member of the Committee of Management, and countersigned by the Treasurer or Secretary, shall be held to be deeds of the Corporation: Provided always, that the Treasurer, for the time being, may receive all moneys payable to the Corporation and grant valid receipts therefor.

4. It shall be lawful for the said Corporation to make By-laws, not contrary to the provisions of this Act, for the admission and expulsion of members, the election of officers and regulating the holding of office, and for the proper administration of the property and affairs of the said Corporation; and to add to, repeal or amend such By-laws from time to time at any annual general meeting of members: Provided that such By-laws, or amendments, or repeals of the same shall have been proposed and seconded at a previous quarterly meeting, and that notice of the same specifying their nature shall have been inserted in two daily newspapers published in the City of Toronto at least twice in each of the two weeks immediately preceding the holding of the annual meeting at which such By-laws, amendments or repeals are to be submitted; and no By-laws, amendments or repeals shall have any effect unless sanctioned by the vote of at least two-thirds of the members present at such annual meeting.

5. The General Meetings of the said Corporation shall be held in such manner, after such notice, upon such requisition, and at such times in the City of Toronto, as shall be directed by the By-laws of the Corporation then in force.

6. The usual place of meeting of the said Corporation shall be held to be the legal domicile thereof, and service at such place of any notice or process of any kind, addressed to the said Corporation, shall be held to be sufficient service of such notice or process on the Corporation.

7. The By-laws of the said Association, in so far as they may not be repugnant to this Act or the laws of this Province, shall be the By-laws of the Corporation, hereby constituted, until they shall be repealed or altered as aforesaid: Provided always, that no By-law shall impose a penalty or forfeiture exceeding two dollars.

8. Until others shall be elected according to the By-laws of the Corporation, the present officers of the Association shall be those of the said Corporation, that is to say, the said John Beverley Robinson shall be the President, the said Thomas Brown shall be the first Vice-President, the said George S. Jones shall be the second Vice-President, the said Robert Dodgson the third Vice-President, the said F. W. Coate shall be the Treasurer, the said George T. Walton shall be the Secretary, the Reverend J. Beavan, D.D., and the Reverend H. Scadding, D.D., shall be the Chaplains; Edward Hodder, Francis Badgley, and William Hallowell shall be the Physicians, and the said George Bilton, George Thomas, Henry Godson, Julian Sale, Isaac Faulkner, B. Saunders, and Frank John Joseph, the other members of the Committee of Management.

9. No person otherwise competent to be a witness in any suit, action or prosecution in which the said Corporation may be engaged, shall be deemed incompetent to be such witness by reason of his being or having been a member or officer of the said Corporation.

10. All subscriptions of members due to the Corporation under any By-law, all penalties incurred under any By-law by any person bound thereby, and all other sums of money due to the Corporation, shall be paid to the Treasurer thereof, and in default of payment may be recovered in any action brought by him in the name of the Corporation in any Court of competent civil jurisdiction: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent any member from withdrawing at any time from the said Corporation after payment of all arrears due to the funds thereof, including the annual subscriptions for the year then current.

11. The said Committee of Management shall annually submit to the members at every Annual General Meeting a

statement of the receipts and expenditure for the preceding year, and also of the assets and liabilities of the said Corporation, certified by the Treasurer and two Auditors to be elected at any General Meeting of the Corporation.

12. Nothing in this Act shall affect any rights of Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, or any party or person whomsoever, such rights only excepted as are herein expressly mentioned and affected.

13. This Act shall be deemed a public Act.

SPECIAL PROVISION IN 48 VICT., CHAP. 86, SEC. 6,
FOR REVISION OF BY-LAWS DURING 1885,
AND PASSED 30TH MARCH, 1885.

6. The said Corporation is hereby empowered, notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained, to repeal, add to or amend its existing By-laws at any time during the year next ensuing the passing hereof, at a Special Meeting to be called by the President for that purpose: Provided that notice of such meeting and its object shall be published in two daily newspapers published in the City of Toronto at least twice in each of the two weeks immediately preceding the holding of such meeting, and such repeals, additions or amendments shall be sanctioned by the vote of at least two-thirds of the members present at such Special Meeting.

54 VICTORIA (ONT.), CHAP. 110.

AN ACT RESPECTING THE ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY OF TORONTO
ASSENTED TO 4TH OF MAY, 1891.

WHEREAS the St. George's Society of Toronto has, by its petition, represented that in order to obtain the necessary accommodation for the Society, and to carry on

its objects more effectually, it has granted a renewable building lease of certain land on Elm Street, in the City of Toronto, to the St. George's Hall Co., of Toronto, Limited, upon the agreement that the Company shall erect a suitable building thereon, and provide the Society with rooms and other suitable house and office accommodation, that it is desirable and expedient that the Society should be empowered to acquire, hold and dispose of shares in the capital stock of the said Company, and the Society has prayed that an Act may be passed for that purpose, and whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition, therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:

1. Notwithstanding anything contained in its Act of Incorporation, or the Act passed by the Legislature of this Province amending the same, it shall and may be lawful for the St. George's Society of Toronto, from time to time, to acquire by purchase, gift, bequest or otherwise, and to hold, sell and dispose of and transfer any share or shares in the capital stock of St. George's Hall Company of Toronto, Limited, and for the purpose of any such purchase, to call in any funds invested in any other securities.

2. Any such purchase, calling in, sale, disposition and transfer shall be carried on under the authority of the Committee of Management of the said Society, evidenced by resolution thereof in writing under the Common Seal of the Society and the hands of the President or the Vice-President, and the Secretary and Treasurer for the time being.

3. At any meeting of the said Company, the said Society may be represented, vote and otherwise act by its President, or in his absence, by one of its other officers authorized, by resolution as aforesaid.

BY-LAWS.

OBJECTS OF THE SOCIETY.

THOSE ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP.

I. The Society shall consist of such persons of English or Welsh birth or descent in the male line, as shall be elected members thereof according to the regulations hereinafter made.

OBJECTS.

II. The objects of the Society are to unite Englishmen and Welshmen, and their descendants, in a social compact for the promotion of mutual and friendly intercourse, and for affording to persons of English or Welsh birth or descent who may be in distress, their advice and counsel, and if necessary, such pecuniary assistance as the funds of the Society will admit.

POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS SUBJECTS NOT TO BE DISCUSSED.

III. The introduction of political or religious subjects or their discussion, shall not be allowed at any meeting of the Society.

OFFICERS.

IV. The Committee of Management, as provided for in the Act of Incorporation, shall consist of a President, a first, second and third Vice-President, a Secretary or Secretaries, a Treasurer, two Chaplains, three Physicians, and seven other Members. In addition to the above, six Stewards shall be elected, who shall co-operate with the

Managing Committee in the management of all celebrations, entertainments, and excursions of the Society; also two Auditors, a Marshal and two Standard Bearers.

DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.

V. The duty of the President shall be to preside and preserve order at all the meetings of the Society, and of the Managing Committee, and to protect and further its interests to the best of his ability. In his absence the Senior Vice-President present shall exercise the authority and duty of the President. In case of the absence of the first four Officers from any meeting, the members present shall be empowered to elect a Chairman out of their number.

DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.

VI. The Secretary shall have charge of the Seal, Banners, and other Insignia of the Society. He shall keep a fair register of all proceedings, orders, rules and regulations, and manage the correspondence. He shall, when applied to, and on payment of such fees as may be determined on by the Committee, issue certificates of admission to each member. He shall, when necessary, summon the Society to its various meetings, and shall sign such cards of Invitation to all Celebrations as may be required of him by the Committee and Stewards. He shall, also, at all meetings of the Society and of the Managing Committee, enter into the respective Minute Books, the names of the members present at such meetings.

VII. The Banners and Flags of the Society shall not be used except on occasions when the Society as a body takes part in the proceedings, or where the Society is represented

by its officers, or upon permission of the Managing Committee.

DUTIES OF THE TREASURER.

VIII. The Treasurer shall have the custody of the funds. He shall countersign such certificates of admission as may be issued by the Secretary. His accounts shall be fairly kept, and exhibited to the President and the Managing Committee whenever called for, and shall also be laid before the Society at its Annual Meeting. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to open an account with such one of the Chartered Banks of Toronto as may be approved of by the President and Managing Committee, and there deposit the securities of the Society in the joint names of the President and of the Treasurer; and, when directed by the Committee, all funds belonging to the Society, and paid to the Treasurer, shall be deposited in such Bank.

IX. The Committee and Stewards shall arrange for the Annual Celebration of St. George's Day, and report such arrangements at the Monthly Meeting in March. No expense of any celebration or social entertainment whatever shall be charged against the funds of the Society.

MEMBERS.

ELECTION OF CANDIDATES.

X. Candidates for admission to the Society shall be proposed and seconded, at any regular or special meeting of the Society, and must be elected by a majority of such meeting, whereupon the current year's subscription shall become due.

ANNUAL MEMBERS' DUES.

XI. The annual subscription of members shall be \$2, and shall be due and payable, in advance, on or before the 22nd day of April, in every year.

LIFE MEMBERS' DUES.

XII. A subscription of \$10 shall be a life-subscription, and the same, together with all donations of \$10 and upwards, unless such donations are made for a specific purpose, shall be invested by the Managing Committee, and form a portion of the permanent fund, the interest on which shall be applied to the charitable purposes and ordinary expenditure of the Society. No ordinary member shall be eligible to life membership until he has paid all arrears of subscription as such ordinary member.

MEMBERS IN ARREARS.

XIII. Any member in arrear in his subscription for two years, may be considered as having withdrawn from the Society, and his name may be erased from the list of Members. No member shall be entitled to vote at, or take part in any meeting, or be eligible for election to any office of the Society, if he shall be in arrear in his subscription.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS.

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XIV. At any Annual General Meeting the members present may, on one month's notice previously given, elect any one of its members an honorary life member, in consideration of services rendered the Society; and also may

elect any distinguished person eligible to become a member, in like manner, for services rendered either to the Society or the country, and such honorary member shall be entitled to all the privileges of an ordinary member.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

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XV. The Officers of the Society shall be elected as follows: Any member may nominate a candidate for each office, in succession; and in the event of more than one nomination for any one office, the decision shall be by ballot. But no candidate shall be eligible for election as Steward unless he shall have previously served for a period of not less than three years, either as a member of the Committee or as an officer of the Society.

DURATION OF OFFICE OF PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENTS.

XVI. The President and Vice-Presidents shall not be eligible for re-election to the offices respectively filled by them for more than two years, in succession.

VACANCIES.

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XVII. The Managing Committee shall have power to declare vacant the office of any member of such Committee failing to attend the meetings of the said Committee for eight consecutive weeks, and the same shall be reported at the following Monthly Meeting.

HOW FILLED.

XVIII. All vacancies in any office of the Society happening in the interim between two succeeding Annual General Meetings, may be filled, by election, in the usual way, at any Monthly Meeting.

EXPULSIONS.**PENALTIES.**

XIX. Any member of the Society who shall not faithfully observe and conform to its charter and such by-laws, rules and regulations, as may be from time to time in force, shall be liable to expulsion.

MODE OF EXPULSION.

XX. If the majority of the members present at any Annual General, or Monthly, meeting shall vote for the expulsion of a member, his name shall be erased from the roll of members; and he shall not afterwards be admitted to any meeting of the Society, or take part in its affairs, unless re-elected by ballot; provided always, that no proposition for the expulsion of a member shall be in order unless one month's notice in writing has been given of an intention to submit it at the next ensuing General Meeting.

MEETINGS.**ANNUAL AND MONTHLY MEETINGS.**

XXI. The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held on the first Friday in February in each year. Monthly Meetings shall be held on the first Friday in each month, throughout the year, except on the day of the Annual

General Meeting. Ten members shall form a quorum at any General Meeting. The Monthly Meetings in May, August and November in any year shall be "Quarterly" Meetings, for the purpose of proposing additions to, or repeals, or amendments, of the By-laws, under section 4 of the Act of Incorporation.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

XXII. The Managing Committee shall meet weekly, and any five members thereof shall form a quorum. It shall be their business to direct the affairs of the Society generally, under the Constitution and By-laws; to determine all matters referred to them by the Society; to prepare and submit to each Annual General Meeting, previous to the election of officers, a report of the proceedings of the Society for the preceding year, together with a statement of the receipts and expenditure for such year, and also of the assets and liabilities of the Society, certified by the Treasurer and Auditors.

SPECIAL MEETINGS.

XXIII. The President (or, in his absence, the Senior Vice-President), shall direct the Secretary to convene a Special General Meeting of the Society, upon requisition (stating the purpose thereof) from any five members, and the Secretary shall call a Special Meeting of the Managing Committee, either by direction of the President (or, in his absence, the Senior Vice-President), or upon the requisition of any two members of the Committee.

INVESTMENTS.

INVESTMENT OF FUNDS.

XXIV. The Annual Meeting shall order the investment of such proportion of the surplus fund as may appear desir-

able, and in such manner as may be then determined, and the annual subscriptions, with the interest of investments, shall constitute the ordinary funds applicable to the charitable purposes and ordinary expenses of the Society.

RELIEF.

RELIEF TO BE GRANTED BY TREASURER.

XXV. The Treasurer shall be authorized to advance to a distressed individual a sum not exceeding two dollars upon the written recommendation of the President or one of the Vice-Presidents, or of any member of the Managing Committee by them appointed to grant such relief; provided always, that such recommendation does not involve the payment of more than two dollars to any one person or family. In cases demanding more than the ordinary relief thus afforded, the same shall be referred for further enquiry and action to the Managing Committee, as hereinafter set forth.

RELIEF TO BE GRANTED BY MAN'GING COMMITTEE.

XXVI. The Managing Committee may make loans (not exceeding twenty dollars, to one person or family) from the ordinary funds of the Society, to persons in temporary distress or trouble, upon receiving such reasonable security as they may deem expedient, provided the period of such loans does not exceed six months. It shall have power to grant extended relief, in particular cases, at discretion, the orders upon the Treasurer being, in all such cases, signed by two or more of the members of the Committee.

OBITUARIES.

OBITUARY RECORD.

XXVII. An Obituary Record shall be kept by the Secretary of any member of this Society who may hereafter die, stating his birth and parentage, if known, date of admission as a member, and any other facts in regard to him as may be interesting to chronicle. Such record to be published with the Annual Reports.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE.

RULES OF ORDER.

XXVIII. To preserve order and to expedite the business of the Society, any member who may have proposals to make, or observations to offer upon any propositions, shall rise and address the President, and no person shall interrupt another when speaking, if the speaker be in order. All notices, motions, and propositions shall be made in writing.

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS.

XXIX. The following "Order of Proceedings" shall be observed at all Annual, General or Monthly meetings of the Society, viz.:—

1. Reading minutes of preceding meeting.
2. Election of New Members.
3. Reports of Committees, and consideration of same.
4. Correspondence, and consideration of same.
5. Enquiries by Members.
6. Election of Officers.

7. Orders of the Day.
8. Motions.
9. Notices of Motion.

The same "Order" shall be observed at all "Special General Meetings," except as to Election of Officers.

INVESTMENT.

The opinion of a barrister consulted in regard to the investment of St. George's Society Funds is as follows:

[June 4th, 1912—Copy of letter to the President of St. George's Society from a barrister—Legal opinion.]

Re St. George's Society investments.

DEAR SIR,—As requested, I beg to advise you as to the powers of investment of St. George's Society, under the Act of Incorporation, 22 Victoria, Ch. 72, read in connexion with Trustee Investment Act, 9 Edw. 7th, c. 59; the powers of investment of the Society are as follows:

(1) The Society may invest in the purchase of real estate required for its occupancy, with power to sell the same, as occasion may require, and to acquire other lands in lieu thereof.

(2) It may acquire lands by gift, devise or bequest, which must be sold within three years from their acquisition, and the proceeds of the sale and other available funds of the Society may be invested in the stock or debentures of the Dominion of Canada, or of Ontario, or in debentures or securities guaranteed by the Dominion or by Ontario, or by any other Province, or in the debentures of any municipality of Ontario, or in securities, which are a

first charge on land held in fee simple in Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta (*i.e.*, first mortgages).

(3) In addition to the above the Society may deposit moneys on hand with the following societies, or may invest the same in terminable debentures, or debenture stock of such societies, namely:—

- 1.—Any incorporated society or company authorized to lend money on mortgages on real estate, and having a fixed, paid-up and permanent stock not liable to be withdrawn therefrom of not less than \$400,000, and a reserve fund of not less than twenty-five per cent. of the paid-up capital, and its stock having a market value of not less than seven per cent. premium.
- 2.—Any society or company heretofore incorporated under Ch. 164 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1877, or any Act incorporated therewith, or under Ch. 169 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1887, having a capital fixed and permanent, not liable to be withdrawn therefrom, of not less than \$200,000, and a reserve fund of not less than fifteen per cent. of the paid-up capital, and its stock having a market value of not less than seven per cent. premium.

The societies or companies above referred to are building or loan societies or companies, or trust companies.

The result of the above is that the Society may invest: (1) In lands required for its occupancy; (2) In Dominion or Provincial stocks or debentures, or in debentures or securities guaranteed by the Dominion or by the various Provinces; (3) On first mortgages of real estate; (4) In the building or loan societies or companies, or trust companies above mentioned.

ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY OF TORONTO.

CHAPTER I.

Origin of the Society.

Muddy "York," the largest town in Upper Canada, having a population of about 9,500, had hardly changed its name to "Toronto," by which it has since been known, when some enthusiastic and loyal citizens decided to celebrate St. George's Day, 23rd April, 1834, by a Grand Dinner, the account of which I give here, taken from "The Patriot," Toronto, Friday, April 25th, 1834.

I may say here that "Toronto" was incorporated on 6th March, 1834; the population that year was 9,254, and in 1836 it was 9,652. The account of the first Dinner was copied from the file of "The Patriot," at the Legislative Library, a few weeks before it was destroyed by the fire of September 1st, 1909.

Anniversary of St. George.

"On Wednesday, the 23rd inst., a considerable party met at the British Coffee House, to celebrate St. George's Day, when a dinner was served up by Mr. Keating (under the superintendence of Messrs. Thorne, Spragge, Baines, Ridout, and Coxwell, who consented to act as stewards) in his usual style of abundance and elegance. Major Winnette ably filled the Chair, and Grant Powell, Esq., officiated as Vice.

The following Toasts were given from the Chair:—

The King—Tune—God Save the King.

St. George—For Merry England.

Sir James Granam and the Navy—Rule Britannia.

Lord Hill and the Army—See the Conquering Hero
Comes.

The British Constitution.

Sir John Colborne, our worthy Lt.-Governor — British
Grenadiers.

Lord Aylmer and the Province of Lower Canada—Hail
to the Chief.

His Majesty's Ministers.

Lady Colborne and the Fair of Upper Canada—Here's a
Health to all Good Lassies.

The Land we Live in—Canadian Boat Song.

The Rose, the Shamrock and the Thistle—English Air.

His Grace the Duke of Wellington—Duke of York's
March.

Major Baird and the Garrison—Canadian March.

The Militia of Upper Canada—York Quick Step.

The United States of America—May the friendly rela-
tions between Great Britain and that country be of
permanent duration—Hail Columbia.

“The song contributed not a little to the hilarity of the evening. Several renowned pieces were executed with science and skill to the great delight of the listener. Mr. Greig gave with most pleasing effect—‘Here's a Health to our King, God Bless Him,’ and ‘Our King is a True British Sailor,’ the latter of which he obligingly sang a second time, at the earnest solicitations of the company. Messrs. Baines and Thorne exerted their vocal powers with great success, and several others zealously contributed to give eclat to the celebration of ‘Merry England's’ own day. In the whole progress of this fervidly ‘Jocund bout,’ the care-

ful attention of the stewards to the general comfort and pleasure was so conspicuous as to entitle them to the gratitude of all present.

"The company did not separate till a late hour."

This Dinner may be called the inception of our Society, as the result was that a number of these loyal and enthusiastic gentlemen decided to form a "St. George's Society," and while Mr. George Walton, who was a member of the Society, says in his Directory of the City for 1836-7, that "St. George's Society was instituted in 1835," I cannot find that it was regularly organized until after 1st January, 1836, although it is clear that the subject had furnished matter for discussion from 1834, and in the latter part of 1835 the matter came to a head and resulted in the following notice being sent out:

Gentlemen enrolling their names in this book as Members of The St. George's Society under the following Constitution, are requested to take

NOTICE

That on the Second Tuesday in January, being 12th instant, a General Meeting of the Members of the Society for the Election of Officers, will be held at the British Coffee House at Seven o'clock in the Evening precisely,

When a full attendance is requested.

Toronto, 1st January, 1836.

Edward Lane,

Sec. pro tem.

SAINT GEORGE'S SOCIETY, UPPER CANADA.

CITY OF TORONTO AND VICINITY.

Constitution.

1. That the objects of the Society be to unite Englishmen and the descendants of Englishmen into a social compact for the promotion of mutual and friendly intercourse, and for affording to such Englishmen and Welshmen as may stand in need of it, advice and counsel, and such pecuniary assistance as the funds of the Society may enable it to give.
2. That the Society shall consist of all persons desirous of joining the same of English or Welsh birth or descent.
3. That all such persons entering their names in books to be kept open for that purpose at The British Coffee House, and at the News Room, until the Second Tuesday in January, 1836, shall constitute the Members of the Society, and that on that day a general meeting of the Members of the Society be held for the election of its Officers, to be chosen from among the persons who shall have enrolled their names as Members of the Society.
4. That until the said General Meeting, a Secretary pro tem. be appointed to give the necessary notice of the time and place of meeting, and that Mr. Edward Lane be requested to act as such Secretary.
5. That all future members be elected according to any By-laws to be made for that purpose.
6. That the annual subscription of members be Ten Shillings per annum, payable on their becoming members of the Society, and that a deposit of Twenty Shillings be also payable at the same time by each member.

7. That the affairs of the Society shall be managed by a President, who shall be of English birth; a First, Second, and Third Vice-Presidents, and a Secretary and Treasurer, who with a Committee, to consist of not less than Seven Members (three of whom shall form a quorum), shall hold their offices until St. George's Day, inclusive, in each year, which shall be the Annual Meeting of the Society, to be held at The British Coffee House at one o'clock on that day.
8. That the admission fees and one-third of the Annual Subscriptions be reserved for investment bearing interest for the objects of the Society.
9. That the remaining two-thirds of the Annual Subscription, and Interest and Investments, constitute the ordinary funds applicable to the uses of the Society.

The following is a list of those who signed their names in the book:

Names of Members.

Lt-Col. Wells,	W. Corwell,
Grant Powell	W. B. Jarvis,
Mr. Washburn,	Geo. Gurnett,
Mr. Billings,	J. W. Brent,
Wm. Rees,	Joseph Smith Lee,
George Walton,	Thomas Galt,
Capt. Charles Paynter,	Wm. W. Street,
James Cull,	B. Turquand,
Robt. Stanton,	W. Sargent,
Edward Lane,	Ed. P. Ridout,
Nicholas Crawford,	G. C. Strachan,
G. A. Barber,	Joseph Spragge,
John Kent,	Wm. Spragge,
Rev. Chas. Matthews,	James Fitz Gibbon,

John G. Howard,
 Wm. Atkinson,
 G. T. Denison,
 William Copland,
 Edward Hitchings,
 W. Stennett,
 J. S. Macaulay,
 J. M. Caldwell,
 G. D. Wells,
 John Sleigh,
 John G. Spragge,
 Jas. M. Cawdell,
 J. G. Chewitt,
 George P. Ridout,
 Joseph D. Ridout,
 Henry Rowsell,
 Thomas Mills,
 Wm. H. Draper,
 W. Wakefield,
 J. Saxon,
 J. Benjamin.

Edward Beeston,
 Arthur Beeston,
 J. B. Spragge,
 Geo. P. Bull,
 Henry Sherw J.,
 Thomas Baines,
 Dr. Hornby,
 T. Birchall,
 R. S. Jamieson, Atty.-Gen.,
 William H. Boulton,
 John Powell,
 Rev. J. H. Harriss, D.D.
 John Barwick,
 W. J. Goodeve,
 Mr. Miller (Owen, Miller
 & Co.)
 C. H. Leonard,
 F. W. Barro.,
 J. D. Humphreys,
 A. B. Hawke.

Of this original list of 68 members, by 1844 no less than 42 had died, left the City or withdrawn from the Society for various causes, although by that date the membership had increased to 137, and a second revision of the Constitution and By-laws was printed; Messrs. Hy. Rowsell and G. A. Barber having presented the Society in 1844 with 200 copies as revised to that time, but no copies of that revision are now extant.

Pursuant to the notice mentioned on page 29, a meeting was duly held at Cotter's British Coffee House, on Tuesday, 12th January, 1836, when

Mr. Stanton was called to the Chair, and Mr. Edward Lane acted as Secretary, pro tem., when the following officers were elected by open vote, as follows:

Hon. Col. Wells.....President.
Grant Powell, Esq.....1st Vice-Pres.
Benjamin Thorne, Esq.....2nd Vice-Pres.
Capt. J. S. Macaulay.....3rd Vice-Pres.
J. Kent, Esq.Secretary.
W. Stennett, Esq.Treasurer.

The following gentlemen, together with the Officers ex-officio, were named on the Committee of Management:

Messrs. R. Stanton, F. T. Billings, J. Saxon, G. A. Barber, S. Washburn, H. Sherwood, W. B. Jarvis.

The following resolutions were then passed:—

That the deposits and annual subscriptions be payable by the Members to the Treasurer on or before the 1st April, and that the annual subscriptions be thereafter payable on or before St. George's Day in each following year.

That the President, Officers and Committee be requested to take such measures as they may deem necessary for the celebration of the Anniversary of the Patron Saint of England on St. George's Day next by a Public Dinner.

Messrs. Stanton and Lane received the thanks of the Society for their services, and the meeting then adjourned.

At a subsequent meeting of the Managing Committee it was resolved:—That any gentleman desirous of joining this Society shall be enrolled a Member upon sending in his name to the Secretary, with a recommendation from two members of the Committee.

On 23rd April, 1836, the Annual General Election of Officers took place, when the following gentlemen were chosen, viz.:—

Captain J. S. Macaulay, R.E.....	President.
Grant Powell, Esq.....	1st Vice-Pres.
W. H. Draper, Esq.....	2nd Vice-Pres.
R. S. Jamieson, Esq... }	3rd Vice-Pres.
H. M. Attorney-General }	
John Kent, Esq.....	Secretary.
Wm. Stennett, Esq.	Treasurer.

Managing Committee.

Messrs. J. Saxon, F. T. Billings, Robt. Stanton, E. Lane, G. P. Ridout, H. Sherwood, G. A. Barber.

Previous to the election it was, on motion of Capt. Macaulay, seconded by Mr. Barber, resolved that the election be taken by ballot.

At this meeting also the annual subscription was reduced from ten to five shillings, and the entrance fee from twenty to ten.

The following is an account of the positions occupied by some of the original officers of the Society:—

The President, Lt.-Col. The Hon. Joseph Wells, was a member of the Executive Council and Legislative Council of the Province, a Director of the Bank of Upper Canada, Registrar and Bursar of King's College Land Office and of the University of King's College. He was born in England in 1773, and came to Canada two or three years after the close of the Napoleonic wars, lived on Donport Road, and died in 1853.

The First Vice-President, Grant Powell, Esq., was Judge of the Home District Court, Probate and Surrogate Courts, Commissioner for Administration of the Oath of Allegiance, and Member of the Board of Education.

The Second Vice-President, Benjamin Thorne, Esq., was a Director of the Bank of Upper Canada, lived at Thornhill, was not a member of the Society at that time (if ever) and should not have been elected.

The Third Vice-President, Capt. John Simcoe Macaulay, R.E., was a Director of the Bank of Upper Canada.

The Secretary, John Kent, Esq., was preparatory master at Upper Canada College.

The Treasurer, William Stennett, Esq., was a silver-smith and jeweller.

Of the other members of the Committee:—

Mr. Robert Stanton was King's Printer, General Printer, Stationer and Book Binder, and Treasurer and Librarian of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.

Mr. Francis T. Billings was Treasurer of the Home District, Member of the Board of Education and Treasurer for the Society for Converting and Civilizing the Indians and Propagating the Gospel among the Poor Settlers in Upper Canada.

Mr. James Saxon appears to have been the senior partner of the firm of Saxon and McKnight, Wholesale Dry Goods, etc.

Mr. G. A. Barber was Master of Writing, Arithmetic and Bookkeeping at Upper Canada College.

Mr. Simon Washburn was a Barrister, Notary Public and Commissioner for the taking of Affidavits in the Court of King's Bench and administering the Oath of

Allegiance, Judge of the Surrogate Court for Prince Edward County, and Director of the British American Fire and Life Assurance Company.

Mr. Henry Sherwood was an Attorney-at-Law and M.P.P. for Brockville and lived in Toronto.

Mr. William Botsford Jarvis was Sheriff of the Home District and Vice-President of the Toronto Mechanics' Institute.

At the second Election of Officers, of the new men who appear on the Committee:—

The Second Vice-President, William Henry Draper, Esq., was M.P.P. for Toronto, Attorney, Barrister and Reporter of the Court of King's Bench.

The Third Vice-President, Robert Sympson Jamieson, Esq., was the Attorney-General of the Province and President of the Toronto Literary Club.

Mr. Edward Lane appears to have been the senior partner of the firm of Lane and McDonell, Land Agents.

Mr. George Percival Ridout was senior member of the firm of Ridout Brothers, Wholesale Hardware Merchants, and Director of The British American Fire and Life Assurance Company.

(Signed) W. H. TIPPET.

Toronto, January 14th, 1910.

